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Letter dated 25 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to refer your attention to the letter dated 17 July 1996 from a number of Member States addressed to you containing a request for the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, to be entitled "Consideration of the exceptional situation of the inability, resulting from General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI), of the 21.3 million people on Taiwan, Republic of China, to participate in the activities of the United Nations" (A/51/142).

Having regard to and being encouraged by the democratic trends in Taiwan and its respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and justice, and the important role that it can play in international relations, and in praising the initiative of President Lee Teng-hui in this process, the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis would welcome a more constructive role for Taiwan in the sustainable development of States, and in the furtherance of peace and democracy not only in Asia, but further afield.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis strongly supports the continuation of dialogue and negotiation between the Chinese people on both sides of the

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Taiwan straits and looks forward to new initiatives from either side to settle their differences in a manner beneficial to the Chinese people, and in the best interest of peace, security and stability in Asia.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis would further welcome a mechanism to ensure acceptable representation of the 21.3 million people on Taiwan and that their expertise, skills and resources be properly integrated into the mainstream of world affairs as we seek to further the cause of development.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, in noting the request for inclusion, wishes to urge the people of Taiwan and the People's Republic of China to intensify their cross-straits cooperation and renewed dialogue, and calls on the United Nations, should this become necessary, to use its good offices to facilitate the appropriate environment and opportunities for these issues to be settled peacefully and in a cordial and constructive manner.

I have the further honour to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 10 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Mr. Kevin ISAAC
Deputy Permanent Representative